

'Disagreeal'

To the Editor:

The DuBois Club did not officially sponsor the CIA sit-in last week. This, however, occurred only because the club did not have a chance to meet during the week and make its decision collectively. Speaking as an individual, though, I would like to express my complete approval of the sit-in and, consequently, my disagreeal with your editorial.

The issue at hand was not one of civil liberties, i.e. the right of the CIA to speak on campus. The CIA came to Brooklyn College to recruit, not to address the student body. There is a world of difference.

Thus, in essence, it boils down to this: the campus is and ought to be a forum for the free exchange of ideas: discussion! But are we to permit the campus to be used as a recruitment center for an agency that is dedicated to stirring up the cauldron in every corner of the globe; an organization that has been implicated in horrendous crimes against whole nations and peoples? Is this what our campus is to be used for? No one can honestly answer yes.

Matt Weinstein, 701
(Mr. Weinstein is the president of the BC W.E.B. DuBois Club.)

Mistaken Identity

To the Editor:

Because I have been mistaken for one of the demonstrators pictured on the front page of your October 21 edition, let me make my views on the demonstration publicly clear.

There is nothing more disturbing than the sight of "liberals" trying to abridge the freedom of speech of those with whom they disagree. That they succeeded is not something for them—or anybody—to be proud of. The limitation of any man's right to speak is something I would have thought these young people oppose. The CIA was the invited guest of the placement office, and there were those who wished to hear what its representatives had to say. All concerned had their rights abridged by the actions of students who would explode if positions were reversed.

I hope that my "friends" will remember that, believing as strongly in the freedom of speech as I do, I would never be a part of the deliberate frustration of that freedom. I also hope that my "double" will, in the future, try to attract less attention to himself.

Meyer Kantor,
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To the Editor:

It must be remembered that all guys called good guys are not good. Last week, the Central Intelligence Agency recruitment on the Brooklyn College campus was protested against. Although, it may seem that the CIA is like any other employer, it is not. Let's say General Electric, General Motors and RCA are all good guys. They should be allowed to use the facilities of the campus because we are good guys too. We want to give our good guy services to them in exchange for their good guy money.

However, if we examine the policies of the good guy, we find distinctions. The CIA good guy is acting in violation of established rules of human conduct. In contradiction to the open form of democratic government, it has acted as a subversive-revolutionary agency carrying out unapproved policies of the United States national government. These policies are at least contradictory to the announced principles of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the United Nations charter, the principles of democratic government and mutually accepting foreign relations.

This good guy, the CIA, behaves differently than other good guys. It acts contrary to the goals of a free university, a free college and a free society. They should not be allowed to use campus facilities to recruit others in these kinds of activities though they too may be called good guys.

Gerard Weiner, 701

Denial of Rights

To the Editor:

Although it is entirely legitimate to protest the appearance of any group or individual on this campus, including that of the Central Intelligence Agency, it is unfortunate that some of the students protesting the CIA presence felt it necessary to resort to coercion by blocking my entrance to the recruitment interviews.

This action was in effect an attempted denial of my rights as a free citizen to choose for myself. Fortunately this coercive action was not supported by all of the students who were protesting the CIA presence. Some chose to respect my intelligence by picketing and presenting a well-researched argument.

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